



Setting Adult Meal Prices

Student Meals:

- If an SFA chooses to participate in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) for SY21-22, students will receive reimbursable first meals at no cost. Therefore, Reduced and Paid-price student meal prices do not need to be set.

Adult Meals:

- USDA requires schools to ensure that reimbursement, student payments and the value of donated foods are not used to subsidize meals served to adults. In order to meet this requirement, schools are required to sign an agreement that contains the following statement:

“Each School Food Authority shall, with respect to participating schools under its jurisdiction, charge adults, at a minimum, an amount equal to the total reimbursement received for a free lunch under Section 4 and 11 of the National School Lunch Act plus the per-meal value of donated foods plus the certified menu reimbursement. For breakfast, adults should be charged the rate established for free breakfasts under Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act. No reimbursement or donated food is provided for adult meals.”

- School districts do not receive reimbursement, nor do they get donated foods for the adult meals served. Therefore, the adult meal price is based on portion sizes equivalent to a student tray. Although portion sizes are left up to the discretion of the school district, to serve “extras” or even “double portions” to an adult adds to the cost of the meal.

- For the 2021-22 school year, the adult meal prices should be set as follows:

Lunch:	Free reimbursement:	\$3.66
	Donated food value:	0.26
	Certified menu reimbursement:	+ <u>0.07</u>
	Adult lunch price:	\$3.99 (price set at \$4.00)

Breakfast:	Severe Need Free reimbursement:	\$2.35
	State reimbursement:	<u>.05</u>
	Adult breakfast price:	\$2.40 (price set at \$2.40)

- A school that does not set adult meal prices at or above the amount specified above, nor demonstrates that all costs of the adult meal have been covered, must document each year that school district general funds are used to support the difference in what should be charged and what is actually charged.

What Price Should We Charge for A la Carte Items?

- Schools should evaluate a la carte prices to ensure all food/labor costs are fully recovered.